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Land Use - A Major Factor

As urbanization encroaches on Appomattox County we are becoming more aware of the need for orderly industrial development, but we cannot overlook the agricultural community which has for so long been an integral part of our county.

Unfortunately the well-drained fertile soil which is most suitable for agricultural production is also the most desirable for use by business and industry. Therefore, it is essential that our county government and planners work toward adoptation of a suitable land use program.

It is well known that federal and state governments should not seek to operate where local government can operate with more advantages to the community; however, local governments must be progressive if they are to administer to the needs of the community without an unacceptable program being forced upon them by higher echelons of government.

Land use is a major factor in the future planning of Appomattox County, and all Central Virginia. Just as it is essential to work from blue prints or plans when building a house or a road, it is also mandatory that plans for future land use be implemented to insure a balanced, orderly growth of our county.

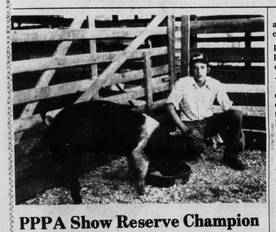
Zoning ordinances must be considered, public service items such as utilities, transportation and sanitation have to play an important part in any planning activities which our county fathers see fit to legislate. The plan should be firm, but flexiable. Tax equality is another factor which deserves careful consideration when looking at future land use. Our elected reorresentatives cannot afford to find themselves in the uncomfortable position of having taxed a productive agriculturalist out of the industry.

The Virginia State Board of Agriculture and Commerce has published a position paper on land use calling for passage of a state land use law which will allow local and regional groups to exercise decision-making authority and responsibility.

We support the board's position, but we would like to see our own county in the position of having adopted a viable land use plan prior to the establishment of state guidelines. We do not think land use plans pose any threat to land owners, present or future, provided the program is administered with the overall good of the community in mind.

There is no reason why the agricultural community, the business - industrial complex and the residential community cannot co-exist, but there is a definite need for orderly, controlled growth in every community.

Ours is no exception.



PPPA Show Reserve Champion

Tommy Wheeler of Appomattox displays the reserve champion swine after the Piedmont Pork Producers Association Show and Sale at Farmville in September. Wheeler also showed the reserve champion pairs at the first annual show.

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Wilson continues, "The Porkettes prepare recipes and displays of pork products and help with publicity for pork producers. Their work is a tremendous help in making the association a success.

Marketing opportunit i e s have become better through the associations establishment of a graded auction sale. The first graded auction was held in 1973. A Virginia Department of Agriculture grader is employed by the association to grade marketable swine on a United States Department of Agriculture scale from one to four. Buyers from Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well as Virginia, are hooked into the market place by telephone and compete with local brokers and buyers for the offerings. The Tele-Auction has been responsible for an increase of as much as $4.40 per animal at a normal sale.

In the field of education the association encourages growers to attend adult education courses relating to pork production, and usually have guest speakers from colleges and commercial firms at their bimonthly meetings.

The organization also presents awards to Future Farmers of America or 4-H members who have won scholastic honors for pork related projects. In addition the association sponsors member tours of packing plants, test stations and research stations.

The meetings give the growers ample opportunity to exchange views. After most meetings you will find small groups of producers clustered around a cup of coffee discussing the events of the meeting, the trend of the market or some new development in the industry.

Perhaps the high point of the organization's efforts to date was the Piedmont Pork Producers Association Show and Sale held at the Farmville Livestock Market last September.

Members entered gaggles of hogs for judging and sale. Over $1,500 in prize money was awarded and the show's grand champion sold for $1.00 per pound. Tommy Wheeler of Appomattox showed the reserve champion pairs which sold for .75 cents per pound.

A number of area farm equipment distributors displayed equipment at the show, and the Porkettes and Miss Barlowe were on hand for promotional activities. The show is slated to become an annual event.

Wilson and Pickett point out that the association membership is not restricted to large producers. Any farmer who grows swine for the market, whether pork is his prime product or not, is welcome to belong to the organization.

Presently the association has a number of plans under consideration, all aimed at producing better Pork, and improving the lot of the pork grower.

Albert Watts of Charlotte is the president with E. M. Walton of Powhatan serving as vice-president. Bobby Bryan of Dillwyn is treasurer and Pickett is secretary.

The Pastor Speaks

J. B. Phillips in his translation of the New Testament translates John 1:14 like this: "So the word of God became a human being and lived among us. We saw his splendor (the splendor as a father's only son), full of grace and truth."

"All His dealings with us focus on lighting our lives and feeding our souls with His grace and truth. He came, as His prophets foretold, not to judge the world but to save it. He redeemed us, rejoined us to His Father, and left His perfect revelation to guide us through all time.

He comes every moment of every day to everyone who is willing. He is with us always as He said. We have felt the joy of His presence and seen it work in others many times. He comes to us when we put our faith and trust in Him. When He comes He brings us the "living water" and the "bread of life", himself.

He will come, He also told us, to judge us. His commands are commands for us to obey. God is not mocked. Into the happiness of His love and mercy, He will come. He sends the bracing shock of His future judgment, urging us on to full stature as children of God seeking to be conformed to the image of Christ.

All these ways by which Jesus comes to us can be meditated upon endlessly. All of them, including the judgment, satisfy our deepest longings. Once and for all at a certain time and place, He made His sacrifice for us. Since then, every moment of our lives has been bathed in the light of His eternity. Welcome Him this Christmas with all your heart. Put your faith and trust in Him.

Our prayer for this season could very well be: Heavenly Father, as we joyfully prepare to celebrate your Son's coming, open our hearts, we pray, to all the words He left us. Clean us and enter into us this Christmas as You did in the hearts of the shepherds and wise men in Bethlehem that morning He entered into the world. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Doyle Chauncey, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church

Medical Group Aids In Placement Of Physicians

The Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care has started a new program designed to help coordinate area independent cities court medical students who come from their areas. At the request of the School of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, the Virginia Council is making the names of their students available to local physicians, hospital administrators and community leaders throughout the Commonwealth with the hope that students will be encouraged to return to those areas of the state which they call home.

Edgar J. Fisher, Jr., Director of the Virginia Council has been taking medical school deans on trips through the Commonwealth so that they might become better acquainted with health and medical care needs and with the key individuals who are helping to provide health care. On these trips, Dr. Warren H. Pearse, Dean, and Dr. John R. Jones, Executive Associate Dean of the School of Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, have the names of students from those areas where they are visiting. In most instances local people were not aware of the fact that students from their areas were studying to be physicians. They suggested that if they had the names of medical students they then could make contact with them alerting them to physician needs and encouraging them to return to their hometowns or home counties to practice.

This new Virginia Council program has been greeted by enthusiasm by phsicians, hospital administrators and others to whom the lists have been sent. One hospital administrator wrote Fisher, "This information will indeed be of value to us and we hope you will furnish it from year to year." Another hospital administrator commented, "This is an excellent idea and one that we certainly will follow up."

The Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care has been administering a referral service for physicians since 1950 during which time some 790 M.D.'s have found practice opportunities in the Commonwealth. The new project involving medical students is another effort on the part of the Virginia Council to try to help meet the need for physicians throughout the Commonwealth.

Dr. William R. Drucker, Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia told Fisher that he will provide the Council with a list of University of Virginia medical students broken down by county and independent city so that their names can be made available statewide as well.

The Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care is a private, voluntary health organization supported by contributions coming from industry, banks, hospitals, professional societies, individuals, foundations and others.

Christmas Trees Recycled To Balance Our Ecology

Each year whole forests of young spruce trees are chopped down in their prime and displayed with decorations as Christmas trees in millions of American homes. After the two-week holiday season, they are discarded.

But Christmas trees can now be recycled. They can be given a second life in which their organic components can be put to work nurturing other life. A machine known as a wood chipper instantly produces them to valuable garden mulch.

This mulch retains soil moisture and can be applied on top of snow to protect bulbs and stemmed young trees and shrubs. Also, this coarse sawdust-like stuff is as good as salt or sand for improving traction on icy driveways.

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Discarded Christmas Trees Help Prevent Beach Erosion

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from several Long Island communities gather discarded Christmas trees in order to implant them in the fragile dunes of Fire Island across the bay, which helps to prevent the sand from being blown off and washed away.

Don't pollute our environ
—prevent wildfi

happy holidays

May your Christmas tree be gay with decorations, and your home be bright with warmth & laughter! Sincere greetings from all of us at

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GREETINGS

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gleston Competent In Three Sports

Tommy Pittman
Eggleston, a talented at 6 p p omattox High School, is a athlete who plays a in the fortunes of the basketball, and baseball. Mitch (6-1, 170), the brother of former Red Eggleston (an District performer football and baseball), Mr. and Mrs. Floyd of Charles Drive, Mitch is a punter quarterback, making All-District Honorable Mention as he played junior football in the eight and nine, then moved up to this year.

In basketball, he played on the eighth grade team two years and made the varsity last year as a freshman. This season Mitch is a key reserve at a wing position for Coach Cliff Morris' squad, averaging over six points a game in the Raiders' first five contests. He also was a pitcher for the varsity Raiders' baseball team last season. In '73-'74 Mitch lettered in all three sports.

Of basketball coach Morris, Mitch says, "I think he's one of the smartest coaches in the district. He's doing a good job because he stresses hustle and defense. He things those are the two main things that win games." Asked about life with the team, he says, "I think the team gets along well," and adds that David Franklin is one of his closest friends on the squad.

As you might imagine, Mitch is a good and active student, too. He received an A, four B's, and one C in World History, Spanish II, English 10, P.E. 10, Biology, and Geometry for the second six weeks. The president of the sophomore class, Mitch is a member of the S.C.A. council, Inter - Club Council, and Varsity Club.

Eggleston says his plans are indefinite but adds, "Right now I'm looking at Madison. I'd like to attend college somewhere in Virginia. In college I'd say that sports is the main part of my life. You can really have a good time in sports."

When Mitch shows his skills in helping the Raiders to victory, you can bet his teammates, coaches, and all Appomattox fans are having a good time, too.

PORTS

onels Drop Raiders

a 14 point effort by Mitch Eggleston, Colonels dominated boards of the game to 45-36 Seminole District basketball defeat on Bedford County Friday

Poindexter scored 15 points as the Altavista Colonels Eddie Everhart and Fredrick each scored Robinson had eight to garner second place Appomattox Raiders. Colonels, a defense oriented controlled the boards with a 51 margin and held the Raiders to 36 per cent shooting from the floor. The Colonels hit 48 per cent of their field goal attempts.

The Altavista girls got an 18 point performance from Anna Harvey and edged the Raiderettes, 30-28.

Maryjane Smith continued her high scoring as she tossed in 16 points to lead Appomattox. The loss dropped the defending district champions to a 2-2 record behind Altavista, Rustburg and Brookville.

The Raiders will return to action Jan. 3 at Liberty.

ACHS Raider Basketball Schedule

1975		
January 3	Liberty	Away
January 4	Nelson	Home
January 7	Rustburg	Away
January 10	Brookville	Home
January 14	Jefferson Forest	Home
January 17	William Campbell	Away
January 24	Appomattox	Open
January 25	Staunton River	Home
January 28	Gretna	Away
January 31	Amherst	Home
February 1	Altavista	Away
February 4	Liberty	Home
February 7	Nelson	Away
February 11	Rustburg	Home
February 14	Brookville	Away

THE BEAN KING

ts of France, Spain, and Mexico they still eat a th Night cake, in which a single bean has been d. The finder of the bean is hailed as Bean King ival of an ancient pagan custom which chose the of the Saturnalia by lot in this way.

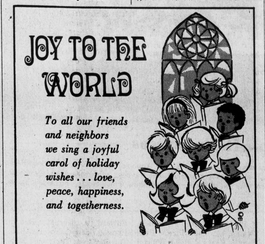
ns of ible e Shortage

Sam Carbaugh, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Markets today advised Virginia dealers to evaluate their supply systems for possible shortages in the growing growing season.

Speaking to departmental staffers approximately 1,000 tons of agricultural lime were used in Virginia last year. Previously estimated that farmers will use 1 million tons of lime this year. A survey indicates that 7.9 million acres of Virginia's 7.9 million acres of crop lands need additional lime. Had such acres been adequately limed in recent years producers would have realized an estimated $58 million in crop yields. If the full potential of increased agricultural production is effected, farmers would utilize as much as 3 million tons of lime annually.

With the lesser tonnage used last year, many farmers experienced supply problems. Transportation problems in the fall of 1973 were largely responsible for a cut-back in lime deliveries throughout Virginia. The assistance of industry and the extension service VPI&SU has been able to overcome significant progress in solving these difficulties.

Many stockpiling preparations not carried out by producers and production segments of this industry could once again be caught short the demand.



To all our friends and neighbors we sing a joyful carol of holiday wishes . . . love, peace, happiness, and togetherness.

A. S. Jordan & Mother

We want to add our finishing touch to the Christmas season with fond wishes and "thanks."

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Washing Powder Tide Giant Size 99¢

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